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May 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Henry A. Kissinger/K

SUBJECT:

Actions on Cambodia

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The following is a report on actions taken or under way on Cambodia as of 6:00 p.m. last night.

Military Operations

State Dept. review completed

-- U.S. tactical air strikes in Cambodia rose again, to 83. There were 41 ARC LIGHT strikes, 35 of them in support of Operation Thoan Thang 43 (which was involved in a fire-fight and which discovered one arms/ammunition cache).

OSD review completed

-- Elements involved in the Fishhook, in Operations <u>Cuu Long</u>
<u>I and II</u>, and in Operation <u>Binh Tay I</u> were engaged in fire-fights or were mortared by the enemy.

JCS Review Completed

-- In Operation Binh Tay II, a U.S. cavalry squadron found a battalion-sized bunker complex, but cache finds have not yet been reported.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

NSA, DIA reviews completed

- Several small weapons/ammunition caches were found by other units, as search and clear operations continued.
- -- Cambodian officers have
 - -- Cambodian officers have arrived to work with our forces on the location of caches. Their information has already led to the discovery of three caches, and they claim knowledge of two other large ones.
 - -- Almost all NVA personnel in the pipeline are still halted in place. Evidence of interrupted VC/NVA logistics continues to come in.

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- COSVN itself was off the air for six hours, apparently because of an ARC LIGHT strike. Unit headquarters are being moved regularly to escape contact.
- Embassy Saigon has been advised that the ARVN should maintain a flexible posture concerning future operations in Cambodia in order to deter the enemy, but that we would discourage wide-ranging operations. ARVN objectives must be consistent with Vietnamization.

Military and Economic Assistance

- Two technicians from Udorn are being sent to Cambodia to survey overhaul requirements for Cambodian T-28's.
- Discussions are proceeding in Washington on the Indonesian manufacture of 7.62 mm ammunition for the Cambodians, with U.S. support.
- The Indonesian Army reportedly plans to send 5000 Soviet assault rifles to Cambodia on two Indonesian Army cargo ships. Two Indonesian Army delegations will discuss Cambodian aid with Malaysia and Thailand. The GOI may approach us to make good the depletion of their stocks. Suharto is aware of these plans, but Malik may not be.

We have relayed our position to the Thai concerning the training of two Khmer regiments for use in Cambodia. They have reacted favorably but have problems with our

position on cost-sharing.

The Thai will send some \$1 million in locally-manufactured equipment to Cambodia, and Deputy Prime Minister Praphat is to go to Cambodia next week for discussions, leaving a permanent mission there.

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were delivered, making a total of 188,672 pounds. The remaining 8400 pounds will be delivered May 23.

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Diplomatic and International

- -- GVN relations. Yem Sambaur intends to go to Saigon
 May 25. Status of the reported Ky visit to Phnom Penh
 and the scenario for establishment of diplomatic relations
 is unclear.
- -- A joint GOC/GVN Commission is to be formed in Phnom Penh to assure the safety of Vietnamese in Cambodia. The GVN mission chief claims he will be given regular radio time to reach Vietnamese residents. Lon Nol has announced that the GVN "will repatriate their compatriots living in Cambodia"; it is unclear whether the GVN has agreed. Refugee movement under Operation Cuu Long I is suspended at the moment.
- -- Sirik Matak has voiced concern over rising feelings against the ARVN. Handbills appeared in Phnom Penh asking that the charges against the ARVN be investigated.
- -- U.S. relations. Cambodian Ambassador Sonn Voeunsai is expected in Washington June 2.
- -- A major Peking rally was held to commemorate Mao's pronouncement on Cambodia. Sihanouk spoke, but nothing significant emerged.
- -- Japan appears to be phasing its technical assistance personnel out of Cambodia for their safety.

Internal

- -- Lon Nol has published a communique announcing plans for transformation of Cambodia into a republic. A Central Committee has been announced, with vaguely defined powers. In another exhortatory message, he announced that martial law will come in force June 1.
- -- The railroad to the west is again open.

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Press Policy

- -- Secretary Laird appeared on the "Today Show" to stress the importance of the Cambodian operation.
- -- Press interest continues in whether the ARVN will withdraw from Cambodia by June 30.
- -- Newsmen were advised of the considerable decrease in ammunition figures and there was no problem at all on this matter among Pentagon newsmen. They apparently recognized that initial field reports on such matters often are revised.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 22, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM:

John H. Holdridge

SUBJECT:

Actions on Cambodia

Your daily report for the President of Actions on Cambodia through 1800 hours May 22 is enclosed. The reports submitted by State, Defense and CIA are at Tabs for your information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the daily report to the President (Tab A).

Enclosures

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 22, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Daily Report on Cambodia No. 27

Military and Economic Assistance

- 1. <u>Guidance on ARVN Actions in Cambodia</u>. A supplementary instruction has been sent to Saigon stressing that ARVN objectives in Cambodia must be consistent with the objectives of Vietnamization. ARVN should maintain a flexible posture in order to deter the NVA/VC forces from re-establishing the sanctuary threat to allied forces in South Vietnam and to deter them from aggressive moves against Phnom Penh or the southern port areas by creating uncertainty about the ARVN reaction. We would provide artillery and logistics support from the Vietnamese side of the border and, if necessary, air support for short duration of ARVN operations in sanctuary areas. We would discourage wide-ranging operations which could risk ARVN defeat or give the NVA/VC a pretext for attack on Phnom Penh. We would prefer no publicly stated restrictions on ARVN operations but would enjoin full consultation with us, coordination with GOC, attention to traditional Cambodian sensitivities, and emphasis on fact we do not intend to fulfill ARVN's primary role of maintaining security in South Vietnam.
- 2. Cache Identification. The Cambodian officers have given information leading to the discovery of two small caches and one large one. They claim to know of two very large ones east of Snuol. They are very cooperative and eager to assist.

Diplomatic

1. New Cambodian Ambassador. The Cambodian Chargé has been informed that agrément for Sonn Voeunsai has been approved. The new ambassador is expected to reach Washington June 2.

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2. Thai Mission to Phnom Penh. Thai Deputy Prime Minister Praphat is expected to go to Phnom Penh next week as head of a Thai Mission. Some of his party will remain in Cambodia as embassy staff. Police General Chana Samutwanit, Governor of the border province of Prachinburi is expected to be named ambassador.

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- 3. <u>Japanese Evacuation from Cambodia</u>. GOJ is apparently conducting a phased evacuation from Cambodia, at least of its technical assistance personnel, in the guise of R and R trips. Japanese construction workers at the Prek Thnot Dam site have no evacuation plans at present.
- 4. Singapore Reaction to Djakarta Conference. Ambassador Cross reports that GOS is very encouraged at outcome of Djakarta conference, which proved to be much more constructive than Singaporeans had imagined. They are deeply concerned at developments in Cambodia, skeptical of the long-term viability of Lon Nol's government, but hopeful that it may survive. They privately approve our policy and tactics, feel that best mode of operation for them is not to get in the way of U.S. actions, nor do they see, at the moment, any way in which they can really influence events.
- 5. Italian Paper Supports U.S. on Cambodia. "Il Mattino" of Naples, May 17 carried a lengthy defense of U.S. actions in Cambodia and Southeast Asia. The editorial based on USIS texts and background material and briefing provided by the Embassy, is particularly significant because the paper is not only the largest in southern Italy but Socialist (PSI) oriented and a consistent supporter of former Socialist Party Secretary De Martino who is now Vice Prime Minister.

<u>Internal</u>

- 1. Lon Nol Speaks. May 21, Lon Nol read a communique on the radio which was a combination report of actions taken by the government and a call to his countrymen but not a particularly forceful one.
- 2. <u>Marine Guards for Embassy</u>. In view of the installation of the on-line communications system we are preparing to send in five Marine guards who should all be on duty by the time the Embassy office building is ready for occupation.

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3. Repatriation of Vietnamese to Diminish. GVN Mission Chief Ty told journalists May 21 that GOC would cease its efforts to repatriate Vietnamese from secure areas in Cambodia. Repatriation would continue in contested areas of eastern Cambodia. A joint GVN/GOC committee was being formed to investigate complaints concerning mistreatment of Vietnamese inhabitants as well as to guarantee their security. GVN would also have two 15 minute time slots daily, one in Vietnamese to reach Vietnamese residents and one in Cambodian to explain GVN policy regarding Cambodia.

Theodore L. Eliot, J. Executive Secretary

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

22 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attached is the daily report you asked to be provided on the status of activities related to the situation in Cambodia.

Attachment

A. MILITARY OPERATIONS

- 1. US Support to RVNAF (210400 220400 EDT May 1970).
- a. Ground. The following artillery support (all calibers) was provided in Cambodia during this period:

Toan Thang 42	(BA 367/706)	0 rds
Toan Thang 43	(BA 352/353)	6 8 rds
Toan Thang 45	(BA 351)	0 rds
Toan Thang 46	(BA 350)	0 rds
Cuu Long I	(Riverine, BA 704/709)	0 rds
Cuu Long II	(BA 704)	0 rds
Binh Tay I	(BA 702)	530 rds
Binh Tay II	(BA 701)	1 67 rds
Binh Tay III	(BA 740)	2 rds

b. Air

(1) The following tactical air sorties were provided in Cambodia.

			This Period	Cumulative
Toan Thang 42			0	81
Toan Thang 43	,		24	1,004
Toan Thang 45		* **	0	19
Toan Thang 46			0	116
Cuu Long I	•		0	62
Cuu Long II	-		0	40
Binh Tay I			6	22 6
Binh Tay II	•		29	82
Binh Tay III			24	42

(2) The following ARC LIGHT sorties were provided in Cambodia:

	This	
	Period	Cumulative
	•	
Toan Thang 42	, .0	0
Toan Thang 43	35	214
Toan Thang 45	0	64
Toan Thang 46	6	50
Cuu Long I	0	0
Cuu Long II	0	12
Binh Tay I	0	71
Binh Tay II	0	58
Binh Tay III	0	23

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221600 EDT May 1970

c. SEA. No report received from field.

2. CAMBODIAN (KHMER KROM)

- a. Troops in Cambodia: 1,787
- b. Resupply of Special Items: 8,400 pounds this period
- c. Total Supply of Special Items: 188,672
- d. Plan is to move remaining 8,400 pounds of special items on 23 May 1970.

B. MILITARY ASSISTANCE

- 1. 8,700 pounds (216,000 rounds) of caliber .30 carbine ammunition were delivered to Phnom Penh.
 - 2. Total Military Assistance.
 - a. AK-47s:

6,018 rifles

347,050 rounds of ammunition

b. M-2 CARBINES:

15,025 carbines

2,116,800 rounds of ammunition

d. UNIFORMS:

114,904 lbs delivered

e. TOTAL WEIGHT OF ALL CARGO LIFTED (including special items for Khmer Krom but not including troops): 681,995 pounds

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C. PRESS POLICY

- 1. The Secretary appeared on "The Today" show to stress tactical and strategic importance of the Cambodian operations and related this to Vietnamization progress and the implementation of the Nixon Doctrine.
- 2. Newsmen were advised of the revised ammunition figures, and there was no problem at all on this matter among Pentagon newsmen. Apparently, they recognize the fact that initial field reports on such matters often are revised as additional data is obtained. This is particularly so when initial estimates are made of logistic supplies by combat troops.
- 3. There is continuing press interest in what the RVNAF in Cambodia will or will not do after July 1. Our position has been to leave this vague in order to assure maximum flexibility.
- 4. The Secretary undoubtedly will be asked about Cambodia in his meeting with students in Wisconsin on Saturday, and also by newsmen in Chicago that day when he speaks to the Presbyterian General Assembly.
- 5. On Thursday night General "Chappie" James discussed the objectives of our Cambodian operations in a meeting attended by some 1500 persons in Manchester, New Hampshire, and was interviewed on television there. Another one of our public affairs officers addressed a "Support the President Rally" at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. Some 2000 faculty and students attended.

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Date: 22 May 1970

Date Opn Base Starte Area (EDT)	Max. No. US Involved in ed Cambodia This Opn	No. US Involved in Cambodia This Opn Now	Date as of Date 1st US Units/ Pers Out	·	Date Opn Terminated
367/706 28 Ag	or 9 30	338	**NA	#NLT 30 Jun	*20 May 70
3 52/353 30 Ap	or 10, 700	7,100	9 May	NLT 30 Jun	##29 Jun 70
354 5 Ma	ay 2,300	0	. 8 May	14 May (Opn terminated)	14 May 70
351 5 Ma	ay 5,100	4,600	**NA	NLT 30 Jun	*30 Jun 70
350 5 Ma	ay 19	8	**NV	#NLT 30 Jun	@12 May 70
702 4 Ma (Binh Tay I)	ay 3,869	12	13 May	@016 May	@16 May 70
701 13 A (Binh Tay II)	Ma y 83	83	**NV	27 May (Estimate)	*27 May 70
740 19 1 (Binh Tay III)		70	**NV	2 June (Estimate)	*2 Jun 70
704/709 8 1 (Cuu Long I)	May 2,313	320	13 May	NLT 30 Jun	##30 Jun 70
704 16 1 (Cuu Long II)	Ma y 86	86	**NA	30 May (Estimate)	*30 May 70

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^{*} Date based on planned operation. Duration date subject to prevailing tactical situation.

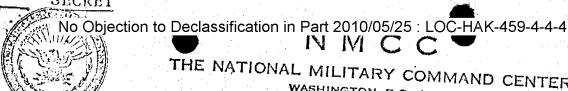
^{**} Will be provided when reported by COMUSMACV

[#] Recovery of materiel located in caches during the operation may require personnel to remain after tactical operations are completed.

^{##} As reported by COMUSMACV

[@] COMUSMACV reports operation is continuing.

^{@@} US participation in this operation has terminated



THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

THE JOINT STAFF

22 May 1970 1448 EDT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Special Report on Cambodia

- 1. The attached statistical data and report of significant actions reflect the results of US/RVNAF operations in Cambodia
- 2. Search and clear operations continued with light contacts reported in some areas. Several caches were found including those in Base Areas 704/709 which contained significant quantities of munitions and weapons. It was reported that the 2/60th US Army Infantry Battalion will be combat assaulted into Cam-

Attachment a/s

JAMES W. NANCE Rear Admiral, USN Deputy Director for Operations, NMCC

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P&A DIV, J-3 **CSAF** ANMCC (LDX) CMC NEACP

STATE OPS CTR ADPLO (NMCC) (3) J - 5 NMCC CAMBODIAN SITUATION ROOM

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LEVEL OF EFFORT (Personnel)

In Cambodia: RVNAF

In RVN:

RVNAF

11.828

CUMILATIVE RESULTS (As of: 220400 EDT May 1970) Cumulative totals shown include previously unreported adjustments.

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	PARROT'S BEAK (BA 706/367)	FISH HOOK (BA 352)	BINH TAY I (BA 702)	BINH TAY II (BA 701)	BINH TAY III (BA 704)	GIONG TO (BA 351)	HAC MA (BA 350)	CUU LONG I (BA 704/709)	CUU LONG II (BA 704)	TERMINATED OPERATIONS	CL.
emy KIA	1,914	1,969	236	65	. 0	559	20	665	588	1,468	7,484
emy PW	1,054#	264	17	4	. 0	դւ	6	82	34	270	1,775#
WN KIA	. 182#	51	6	7	0	o	. 9	55	33	67	41C#
NN WIA	818#	212	57	. 32	. 0		14	205	133	334	1,805#
KIA	9 .	63	30	0	0	46	. 0	6 .	0	24	178
WIA	65	253	72	0	0	130	0	4	3	169	596
dividual Wpns Captured	1,103	4,475	827	401	3	1,040	221	719	592	1,290	10,671
ex-Served Wpns Captured	277	624	36	135	c	93	29	114	84	.184	1,576
lice (Tons)	843#	1,927	600	76	5	359	29	30	f f	191	
ce (Man/Months)	28,292#	84,788	26,400	3,344	220	15,796	1,276	1,320	1,936	8,404	171,776
nkers/Structures	831	2,542	1,200	438	. 0	114	171	0	0	355	5,651
hicles	15	187	3	0	3	35	2	8	0	3	256
ats	0	0	40		0	0	.0	0	0	0	40

^{*1} ton of rice will feed 1,333 NVA/VC for 1 day (1.5 lbs/Man/Day).
*Totals for ROCK CRUSHER IV previously reported in this column now appear in Terminated Operations column.
*Operation ROCK CRUSHER IV & Operation TIA CHOP (BA 354).
#This amount is lower than previously reported and denotes field adjustment.

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	PARROT'S BEAK (BA 706/367)	FISH HOOK (BA 352)	BINH TAY I (BA 702)	BINH ³ TAY II (BA 701)	BINH TAY III (BA 740)	GIONG TO (BA 351)		CUU LONG 1 (BA 704/709)	CUU LONG II (BA 704)	TERMINATED OPERATIONS	GRAND* . TOTAL
*Small-Arms Ammunition	1,119,260	3,497,493	32,682	84,100	NONE (2 REPORTED	,438,905	17,800	25,000	41,800	92,620	7,349,650
Rifle Rds (less than .50-cal)	323,160	3,147,035	31,931	78,600		,014,640	17,800	15,000	25,000	92,620	4,745,786
Machinegun Rds (,50-cal or larger	796,100	350,458	751	5,500	(1	,424,265	0	10,000	.16,800	0	2,60 74
Grenades	1,469	3,517	626	308		1,758	200	2,520	207	343	8,948
Antiaircraft Rds	0	25,220	0	0		101,752	0	. 0	0	. 0	126,972
Mortar Rds	7,658	3,998	2,715	547	1.	3,333	1,906#	# 414	2,050	683	23,304
Rocket Rds (107-mm and larger)	19	219	5	0		480	. 0	0	0	365	1,088
Rocket Rds (B-40/B-41	2,588	937	727	1,349		3,103	541	500	0	2,411	12,256
Recoilless Rifle Rds	854	6,332	123	42		7,867	1,090	4	488	515	17,315
Mines	128	1,447	564	0		. 0	116	150	0	161	2,566
Radios	0	137	2	1		0	0	0	31 # 40##	4	57#

^{*}Figures are the sum of rifle rounds and machine gun rounds.

**Totals for ROCK CRUSHER IV previously reported in this column now appear in Terminated Operations Column.

****Operation ROCK CRUSHER IV & Operation TIA CHOP (BA 354).

tons of amunition - no breakdown reported.

AMMINITION BY TYPE

CUMULATIVE TOTALS SHOWN INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED ADJUSTMENTS.

This amount is lower than previously reported and denotes field adjustment.

D. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

(1) In Operation Toan Thang 43 (Base Area 352)

Elements of the 2/22 US Army Infantry Battalion (Mech.) received enemy small-arms and rocket fire while operating in the vicinity of WT920875. The unit returned the fire with organizational weapons, artillery, tactical air, and gunship support. Interim results include six US soldiers KIA, nine US WIA, and two enemy KIA. Elements of the 6th ARVN Airborne Battalion uncovered a weapons/ammunition cache in the vicinity of XU533090 containing 400 individual weapons, one crew-served weapon, 32 240-mm rocket rounds, 190 antitank grenade rounds, 34 mines, 520 blocks of bulk explosives, and 1,000 AK-47 rifle cartridges.

Late reports indicate that the 2/60th US Army Infantry Battalion will deploy into Cambodia on 23 May by combat assault in the vicinity of XU 3409.

(2) In Operation Cuu Long II (West of Base Areas 704/709)

Task Force 32 located a cache in the vicinity of VS566738 consisting of 608 mortar rounds (115 120-mm, 33 60-mm, 460 82-mm). Discovery of 488 rounds of 75-mm recoilless rifle ammunition in an undisclosed location was also reported. Units of the 9th Infantry Division found two caches of rice at VT934027 and VS-812695 totalling 17 tons.

A late report revealed that a US Army OH-6A helicopter was downed by ground fire in Base Area 704 while on an armed visual reconnaissance mission.

(3) In Operation Binh Tay II (Base Area 701)

ARVN forces continued search and clear operations. Among the items found in several bivouac areas were 11,320 pounds of rice, 20 structures, and 100 rounds of AK-47 ammunition. In a late addition, discovery of a munitions cache at YV715946 was reported. The cache contained 100 antitank grenade rounds, 200 antitank grenade fuzes, and 200 82-mm mortar rounds.

D. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

(1) In the Fish Hook (Base Area 352)

Elements of an ARVN airborne battalion in the vicinity of XT 300926 received 40 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire. Artillery was fired into the suspected mortar positions with unknown results. One ARVN and one civilian were killed; 11 ARVN were wounded.

(2) In Operation Binh Tay I (Base Area 702)

- a. Elements of the 22nd ARVN Ranger Battalion engaged an enemy force at YA 485538. Supported by artillery and helicopter gunships, the rangers killed five enemy and seized two individual weapons. Seven rangers were wounded. The rangers established night defensive positions in the area and received 40 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire near their night locations. No friendly losses were reported.
- b. Elements of the 11th ARVN Ranger Battalion located and destroyed 20 abandoned structures at YA 472547.

(3) In Operation Binh Tay II (Base Area 701)

Troops of a US cavalry squadron, flying helicopters, discovered a battalion-size bunker complex consisting of 100 houses and 100 bunkers in the vicinity of YA 731122. Some of the bunkers were 8 x 10 feet with three feet of overhead cover. Twenty-six houses and 19 bunkers were destroyed and 10 bunkers were partially destroyed. Three enemy were killed by helicopter gunfire.

(4) In Operation Binh Tay III (Base Area 740)

An ARVN force found one GMC 2 1/2-ton truck and five tons of rice at YU 720875. The rice will be evacuated and the truck will be repaired and evacuated or destroyed if non-repairable.

(5) In Operation Giong To (Base Area 351)

Elements of a US cavalry squadron found a cache in the vicinity of YU 283623 containing 38 (four crew-served) weapons, three vehicles (type not reported), one radio, and a small amount of ammunition.

NOTE: Extract from "Special Report on Cambodia" published by the NMCC, 0715 EDT 22 May 1970 for the period 210401 to 212000 EDT May 1970.

(6) In Operation Cuu Long I (Base Area 704/709)

The 4th Vietnamese Marine Corps (VNMC) Battalion, conducting a ground sweep in the vicinity of WT 230081, encountered a platoon-size enemy rear guard force. A helicopter gunship, placing strikes in support of the VNMC battalion, fired three rocket rounds into the friendly troops killing nine and wounding 15. The battalion set up night defensive positions in the area and received heavy automatic weapons fire. Results of the short rounds and enemy contact are 13 VNMC killed and 19 wounded; 32 enemy were killed.

(7) <u>In Operation Cuu Long II (West of Base Area</u> 704/709)

Elements of an ARVN infantry battalion ambushed an enemy force at VS 805675 resulting in one enemy killed, three detained, and 10 (one crew-served) weapons seized. There were no friendly losses.

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